

## Closing Laws Urged

# Variety Stores to Open On Sunday as 'Protest'

Six T. G. & Y. stores in the Wichita area will open for business Sunday in a dramatic effort to call attention to what they term the need for an adequate Sunday closing law in Kansas.

E. S. Shelby, regional vice president of T. G. & Y., said, "We are inviting every other retail store in the area to join us immediately. It is our hope to attract sufficient legislative concern to get this law."

**Laws Fail in Oklahoma**

Shelby said the directive for

the closing came from the T. G. & Y. general offices in Oklahoma City following a meeting of top company executives after the Oklahoma County attorney admitted defeat in his attempt to enforce present Sunday closing laws there.

"It is not a case of additional revenue," Shelby said. "T. G. & Y. has been in every fight, spending money and energy in the attempt to close retail stores on Sunday. In the recent movement in Oklahoma City, T. G. & Y. was responsible for more than one-third of the thousands of signatures on petitions presented to the City Council and Legislature."

"Opening of discount houses on Sunday was the last straw in the long struggle of T. G. & Y. stores to avoid doing business on that day and the fact that there are five discount houses in the Wichita area doing business on Sunday gives us no alternative," Shelby said. "We will still support any movement that gives promise of having uniform closing of business on Sunday."

**To Open at Noon**

Shelby announced that all T. G. & Y. stores will be open from noon on Sunday until 7 p.m. Regular night opening hours will be maintained through the week. No sales person, he said, will be forced to work on Sunday and whether they do or not will be voluntary. The manager or his assistant will be required to open the store, but also will be required to take another day off during the week.

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